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Daily Bills of the Play.

"Nothing extenuate nor set down aught in malice."

No. 555 *Wednesday, Sept.* 3, 1823. *Price* 1*d.*

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

LAST night, the performances of *The Guardians Outwitted, Too Curious by Half*, and *The Bee-Hive*, attracted a very numerous and genteel audience to this Theatre. They all passed off with much spirit. In the latter piece Mr. MATHEWS, as *Mingle*, Mr. WRENCH, as *Captain Merton*, and Mr. W. CHAPMAN, as *Captain Rattan*, were highly amusing. Miss KELLY threw her usual talent into an humble part, and Miss POVEY sang pleasingly as the lady-love of the noble *Captain Merton*. The only novelty of the night was Mr. BAKER coming forward to announce the pieces of this evening, *sword in hand*. It was a little alarming, but we did not hear that any ladies fainted.

HAY-MARKET.

THE pieces of last night were *Match-Making, Sweethearts and Wives*, and *"Fish out of Water,"* which were highly entertaining to a numerous and elegant audience.—Mr. LISTON had an encore in his lamentable song; and Miss LOVE got great applause at the conclusion of *"Why are you wandering here, I pray?"*

VAUXHALL.—The Proprietors have found their account in the enlargement of the season, and prevented much disappointment to those who had been prevented from visiting this enchanting spot at an earlier period of the season. The Gardens are open to-night at six o'clock.

NEW SURREY THEATRE.

DR. FRANKENSTEIN last night again sent forth his "monstrous birth to the world's light," and highly amused us with the pranks and vagaries of the goblin of Hoxton. Since the first representation it has undergone some slight alterations, and curtailment, which has increased the general effect. It now promises fairly to prove highly attractive. The actors seemed more at home, and exercised their comic talent with most complete success. We congratulate the proprietor and the public, on obtaining such an acquisition as that sweet warbler, Miss TUNSTALL. She gave the songs in a superior style, and was most rapturously applauded.

The boxes were extremely full of elegant company, and we admire the alacrity displayed by those appointed to open the doors of the boxes, as highly praiseworthy.—The house was crowded to an overflow at half-price.

SADLER'S WELLS.—This Theatre was very respectably attended last night. The acting of Mr. VALE, and Mr. LANCASTER, in *The Smoked Miser*, received considerable applause.—In the second piece, Mrs. EGERTON, was honored with the approbation of the whole audience.—The Pantomime at this house is truly laughable.

COBOURG.—On Monday night a new Melo-drama was produced here under the title of "*The Jew.*" This piece is a free translation, by Mr. MILNER, from a French Drama so called, which has attracted all Paris to the *Porte St. Martin.* There is considerable interest, blended with comic effect, in the piece; and it met a very favorable reception from a numerous audience, who appeared greatly delighted.

A new Piece, founded on the Romance of *Kennilworth,* it is said, is to be one of the earliest novelties at Drury Lane, in the ensuing season. The whole strength of the company is to be thrown into it, and Mrs. BUNN, who is engaged there, is to represent the *maiden Queen:* a character in which she has attained the highest celebrity in the provincial theatres. Mr. BUNN is appointed Stage-manager of this Theatre. He is the conductor of the Birmingham Theatre.

"MARCH TO THE BATTLE FIELD,"

The celebrated Scotch Melody, sung by Mr. BRAHAM, lately at Dublin.—Written by D. A. O'MEARA, and adapted by JOHN DAVY.

March to the Battle Field,
The foe is now before us,
Each heart is Freedom's shield,
And Heaven is smiling o'er us!
The woes and pains,
The galling chains,
That kept our spirits under,
In proud disdain,
We've broke again,
And tore each link asunder.
March to the Battle Field, &c. &c.

Who for his Country brave,
Would fly from her invader,
Who his base life to save,
Would traitor-like degrade her?
Our hallowed cause,
Our house and laws,
'Gainst tyrant-power sustaining,
We'll gain a crown,
Of bright renown,
Or die—our rights maintaining.
March to the Battle Field, &c. &c.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We must positively decline to insert any thing more on the subject of the dispute between the Covent Garden Management and Mr. BRANDON, the late Box-book and House-keeper of that Theatre. We conceive that quite enough on that matter has been published, and the public should not be dragged further into the question.

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Theatre Royal, Hay-Market.

This Evening, the Comic Sketch in 1 Act, call'd

MATRIMONY.

The Baron, Mr WILLIAMS,
Delaval, Mr VINING, O'Clogherty, Mr LEE,
Sentinels, Mess Ebsworth, and C. Jones,
Clara, Mrs CHATTERLEY,

After which, the Operatic Comedy of

Sweethearts & Wives

With New Music, Scenes, and Dresses.

The Music by Messrs. Whitaker, Nathan, T. Cooke, & Perry

Admiral Franklin, Mr. TERRY,
Charles Franklin, Mr. VINING,
Sandford, Mr DAVIS, Curtis, Mr WILLIAMS,
Billy Lackaday, Mr. LISTON,
Laura, Miss LOVE,
Eugenia, Miss CHESTER, Susan, Mrs. GARRICK,
Mrs. Bell, Mrs C. JONES,

To conclude with (8th time) a Farce, in 2 Acts, with Songs, called

"Fish out of Water."

The Music composed by Mr PERRY.

Sam Savoury, Mr LISTON,
Steward, Mr WILLIAMS, Footman, Mr Wynne,
Sir George Courtley, Mr POPE,
Alderman Gayfare, Mr YOUNGER,
Charles Gayfare, Mr VINING,
Ellen Courtley, Miss LOVE, Lucy, Miss SMITH,

To-morrow, The Young Quaker, with Mrs Smith, & The Gay Deceiver

Theatre Royal English Opera House.

This Evening, (10th time this Season) the Melo Drama of

The Miller's Maid.

The Miller, Mr BARTLEY, George, Mr BAKER,
Giles, Mr RAYNER,
Matty Marvellous, Mr W. BROWN,
Old Granger, Mr ROWBOTHAM,
James, Mr H. PHILLIPS, Gamekeeper, Mr SALTER,
Dame, Mrs GROVE,
Phœbe, (*the Miller's Maid*) Miss KELLY.

After which, a new Comic Entertainment, called,

"I will have a Wife."

Admiral Firedrake, Mr BARTLEY, Binnacle, Mr J. KNIGHT,
Capt. Firedrake, Mr J. BLAND, Mr Dennis O'Leary, Mr POWER,
Harry Merton, (*alias Billy Badger*) Mr BAKER,
Clod, Mr LODGE, Thomas, Mr MEARS.

Mrs Ogleby, Mrs GROVE, Emily Rosebank, Miss POVEY,
Mrs Summerfield, Miss L. DANCE, Isabella Hardy, Miss CARR,

To conclude with, (24th time) a new ROMANCE, called,

Presumption;

Or, The Fate af Frankenstein.

Felix De Lacey, Mr BROADHURST, Frankenstein, Mr WALLACK,
De Lacey, a banished Gentleman, Mr ROWBOTHAM,
Fritz, Mr KEELEY, Clerval, Mr BLAND, William, Master Boden
Hammerpan, Mr SALTER, Tanskin, Mr MINTON,
Guide, Mr. R. PHILLIPS, Gypsey, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
(————) Mr T. P. COOKE,

Elizabeth, [Sister of Frankenstein] Mrs AUSTIN,
Agatha de Lacey, Miss L. DANCE, Safie, Miss HOLDAWAY,
Madame Ninon, [Wife of Fritz] Mrs J. WEIPPERT,

To-morrow, The Guardians Outwitted, with Too Curious by Half and Monsieur Tonson.